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1. THE APRIL 11 ISSUE OF ZYCIE WARSZAWY CARRIES A LENGHTY COMMENTARY ON THE WARSAW PACT BY ZYCIE'S FOREIGN EDITOR STANISLAW KOSTARSKI, THE THEMES AND APPROACH EMPLOYED PARALLEL CLOSELY THOSE

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USED BY BEREZOWSKI IN HIS APRIL 10 TRYBUNA LUDU COMMENTARY,

SUGGESTING THAT BOTH CAREFULLY FOLLOWED THEIR PRESS GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IS THAT KOSTARSKI AVOIDS THE EXPLICIT CRITICISM OF NATO WHICH PERMEATED BEREZOWSKI'S ARTICLE, APPARENTLY IN THE CONVICTION THAT HE COULD STATE HIS CASE CONVINCINGLY MERELY BY EXTOLLING THE "PEACEFUL" GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE WARSAW PACT.

2. KOSTARSKI DWEELS AT EVEN GREATER LENGTH THAN BEREZOWSKI ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ARTICLE 11, TWICE NOTING THAT THE PACT AUTOMATICALLY CEASES TO BE OPERATIVE UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENERAL EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY. HIS SECOND REFERENCE IS IN POINTING OUT THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WP HAVE BEEN ON TWO LEVELS: ONE WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE "OUR OWN SECURITY," AND THE OTHER WHICH HAS AS A GOAL "CREATING THE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL HASTEN THE SELF-DESTRUCTION OF THE PACT." HE THEN LISTS A NUMBER OF EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW YEARS WHICH HE SAYS HAVE SERVED THIS GOAL: THE USSR-FRG PACT, THE POLISH-GERMAN PACT, THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT ON BERLIN, BROADER RECOGNITION OF THE GDR, CSCE, THE IMPROVEMENT IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THE NIXON-BREZHNEV MEETINGS, AND OTHERS. HOWEVER, KOSTARSKI MAKES NO EXPLICIT SUGGESTION THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE WITHERING AWAY OF THE WP. INSTEAD HE CONCLUDES WITH A JUSTIFICATION FOR THE WP BY SAYING THAT THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY DEDICATES ITS EFFORTS TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND A JUST AND DEMOCRATIC PEACE AND THAT THE WARSAW PACT IS AN INSTRUMENT OF THIS POLICY.

3. A NORMALLY WELL-INFORMED POLISH FOREIGN-AFFAIRS JOURNALIST WHO WORKS FOR ZYCIE WARSZAWY TOLD AN EMBOFF ON APRIL 10 THAT HARD INFORMATION ON THE FORTHCOMING PCC MEETING IS BEING HELD VERY CLOSELY AND THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD ANYTHING SPECIFIC ON WHAT WILL COME OUT OF THE MEETING. HE SPECULATED, HOWEVER, THAT CSCE AND MBFR WOULD BE DISCUSSED AND THAT THERE COULD BE A FORMAL WP CALL FOR AN EAST-WEST SUMMIT IN HELSINKI THIS SUMMER TO SIGN THE FINAL CSCE DOCUMENT.

4. COMMENT: THE LAST PCC MEETING, IN JANUARY 1972, PRODUCED THE PRAGUE DECLARATION ON PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND CALLED FOR THE CONVENING OF AN ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE. THE WP MUST VIEW MANY OF ITS GOALS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRAGUE DECLARATION AS HAVING BEEN ESSENTIALLY ACHIEVED OR WITHIN REACH.
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IT SEEMS CREDIBLE THAT NEXT WEEK'S PCC MEETING MAY ISSUE A NEW CHALLENGE TO THE WEST, POSSIBLY IN THE FORM OF A STATEMENT LINKING THE PHASING OUT OF THE WARSAW PACT, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 11, TO PROGRESS IN CSCE AND MBFR. THIS COULD POSE A DIFFICULT POLITICAL AND PROPAGANDA CHALLENGE FOR NATO.
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